

What is claimed is:

[1] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of retinopathy resulting from damage and/or degeneration of the outer retinal layers, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient;

[2] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient.

[3] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of retinopathy, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient.